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**FIRST FAILURE TO REGISTER AS A SEX OFFENDER CASE PROSECUTED IN THE PERMIAN  
BASIN**

**United States Attorney Johnny Sutton** announced that 20 year old Kenneth Ray Eubanks pleaded guilty this morning in federal court in Midland, Texas, to a felony charge of Traveling in Interstate Commerce and Failing to Register as a Sex Offender. He faces up to 10 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine when he is sentenced in January 2008.

In his plea before United States Magistrate L. Stuart Platt, Eubanks admitted that he had been convicted in Sioux County, Iowa in 2003 as a juvenile of Second Degree Sexual Abuse of a five-year-old girl, and that he moved to Odessa, Texas, in approximately July 2007 but failed to register as sex offender in accordance with the provisions of the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act, or "SORNA." Both adult and juvenile sex offenders are required to constantly update their registrations in their state of residence under this law.

The case was investigated by the United States Marshal's Service and is the first case in the Permian Basin prosecuted under the new Adam Walsh Act. Assistant United States Attorney Robbie Ward prosecuted the case on behalf of the Government.

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